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U.S. Patent No. 6,127,006 to Schulz et al.
U.S. Patent No. 6,187,453 to Maloney
U.S. Patent No. 6,258,467 to Subramanian
U.S. Patent No. 6,284,323 to Maloney
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